

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-28 and 30-31 are pending for consideration in this application.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 12-25, 27-28 and 30-31 were directed to allowable subject matter.

In reliance thereupon, the independent claims have been amended to include the recitations of allowable dependent claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 19. Claim 3 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 24. Claim 6 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 13.

Independent claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claim 8 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 16. Claim 9 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 23. Claim 10 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 14. Claim 11 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 15. Claim 26 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 27.

Independent claim 29 and claim 32 have been cancelled.

New independent claim 35 comprises prior independent claim 26 together with the recitations of allowable claim 28.

New independent claim 36 comprises the recitations of prior claim 1 together with the recitations of allowable claim 18.

Accordingly, all of the pending independent claims include recitations of a dependent allowable claim. In view of this, allowance of these claims as well as the claims depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

Some of the dependent claims whose recitations were incorporated in their independent claim have been amended to depend from a different independent claim.

Claims 33-34 have been withdrawn from consideration; however, as these claims depend from allowable claim 26, their allowance is believed to be proper.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

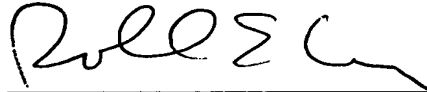
Should there be any issues that are discovered, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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